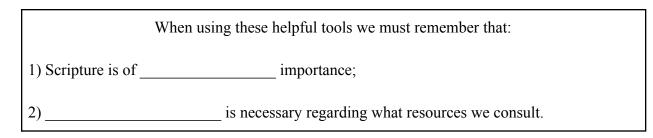
## Monday Night Discipleship: Week 20

Overview:

- 1. Resources: What are some resources that will help me interpret the Bible? (Part 2)
- 2. Longman Chapter 21 discussion:
  - a. Content: What Is Jeremiah About?
  - b. Authorship and Date: Who Wrote Jeremiah and When?
  - c. Genre: What Style of Literature Is Jeremiah?
  - d. Connections: How Does Jeremiah Connect to the Gospel?

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Recommended sources by their various categories:

- 1. Commentaries
  - a. What is a Commentary? A Bible commentary is a resource that explains the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the Bible typically in a verse by verse or stanza by stanza format.

b. Different types:

- Sermonic/Expositional Commentaries- These commentaries are often compilations of printed \_\_\_\_\_\_ transcripts that often come from one author. <u>The Christ-Centered Exposition Series</u>, the <u>Preaching the</u> <u>Word Series</u>, and the <u>Bible Speaks Today Series</u> are great examples.
- Homiletical Commentaries- these commentaries help by giving teachers and preachers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of detailed scholarship that prepare their sermons/lessons without including the fine details. The <u>Teach</u> <u>the Text Commentary Series</u> would be a great example of a homiletical commentary.
- Applicational Commentaries- these commentaries intend to offer help for teachers and pastors to \_\_\_\_\_\_ the bible text with their modern audiences. The <u>NIV Application Commentary</u> series is a popular example.

- iv. Exegetical Commentaries- these commentaries provide a more exhaustive analysis of the Bible. The <u>Baker Exegetical</u> <u>Commentary</u> on the New Testament, and <u>Zondervan Exegetical</u> <u>Commentary</u> on the Old and New Testament series, and the <u>Word Biblical</u> <u>Commentary Series</u> are wonderful exegetical commentaries.
- v. Hybrid Commentaries- these commentaries provide a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ground between expositional and exegetical commentaries. The <u>New</u> <u>International Commentary</u> on the Old and New Testament series, and the <u>New American Commentary series</u> on the Old and New Testament are examples of this hybrid approach.
- c. Positives:
- d. Practical Recommendations:
  - i. Create a "mean and lean" theological library-
  - ii. Consider owning a digital commentary set-
  - Be patient and frugal- Consider some guidebooks that will help you in your commentary selections: <u>Tremper Longman's Old Testament</u> <u>Commentary Survey</u> and <u>D. A. Carson's New Testament Commentary</u> <u>Survey</u> offer great recommendations on which commentaries are most helpful for each book of the Bible.
- 2. Bible Software Programs:
  - a. What are Bible Software Programs? Bible software programs help readers study the Bible through \_\_\_\_\_\_ libraries.
  - b. Positives:

- c. Recommendations: For those who are able to purchase a Bible software program, a personal favorite of mine is <u>Logos Bible software</u>. If you are unable to purchase a Bible software program, <u>E-sword</u> is a free download that could prove helpful in studying different English translations and some commentaries.
- 3. Websites: Below are some websites that are helpful for their Biblical and theological content.
  - a. Dangers:
    - i. Plagiarism-
    - ii. Superficial Reading-
    - iii. Repeating mistakes and misunderstandings-
  - b. Plummer offers these websites<sup>1</sup>:
    - i. <u>www.biblegateway.com</u> to look up verses and compare Bible translations
    - ii. <u>www.bible.org</u> for a variety of biblical and theological resources
    - iii. <u>www.desiringgod.org</u> John Piper's ministry Website, with a variety of resources available.
    - iv. <u>www.fpcjackson.org</u> for accessing hundreds of Ligon Duncan's sermon manuscripts
    - v. <u>www.monergism.com</u> for resources from a Calvinistic perspective
    - vi. <u>www.theopedia.com</u> Wikipedia (online encyclopedia) for theology
    - vii. <u>www.watchman.org</u> an anticults Website
    - viii. <u>www.truthfornet</u> apologetics Website run by the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Plummer, Robert, Benjamin L. Merkle, *40 Questions About Interpreting the Bible* (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 2010), 122-123.

- ix. <u>www.ntgateway.com</u> a "scholarly index" for Websites related to the New Testament
- x. <u>www.greekbible.com</u> for accessing the Greek New Testament with vocabulary and parsing helps
- xi. <u>www.biblicalfoundations.org</u> helpful biblical reflections by New Testament scholar Andreas Kostenberger
- 4. Advanced Study: For those who wish to grow in Biblical interpretation, it would be also helpful to study other areas within Biblical education If you are interested, but are not at the stage in your life where you could be a seminary student, I would highly recommend my alma mater's online certificate program: <u>https://cert.sebts.edu/cert-biblical-studies</u>. You could take the seven basic courses at your own pace and complete this certificate for only \$679.

Longman Chapter 21 discussion:

- 1. Content: What Is Jeremiah About?
  - a. Introduction:
    - i. Longest Prophetic Book-
    - ii. Longest Prophetic Ministry-
    - iii. God's judgment on Judah is announced -
    - iv. Unique Arrangement-

- b. Outline:
  - i. God's Judgment for His people (Jeremiah 1-25)
    - 1. Jeremiah's calling (Jeremiah 1)-
    - 2. Israel's Sin, Punishment, and Future Hope (Jeremiah 2-25) -
    - 3. Jeremiah Faces Difficulties with the False Prophets (Jeremiah 26-29)-
    - 4. God's Promise of Restoration (Jeremiah 30-33)-
    - 5. The Fall of Jerusalem (Jeremiah 34-45)-
    - 6. Prophecies Concerning the Foreign Nations (Jeremiah 46-51)-
    - 7. The Aftermath (Jeremiah 52)-

- 2. Authorship and Date: Who Wrote Jeremiah and When?
  - a. Author: Traditionally, Jeremiah
  - b. Date: 585 BC
- 3. Genre: What Style of Literature Is Jeremiah?
  - a. Major Prophets-
  - b. Judgment prophecies, prophecies of hope and salvation, poetic prophecies.
- 4. Connections: How Does Jeremiah Connect to the Gospel?
  - a. "The book of Jeremiah made a strong impression on the writers of the New Testament. There are about \_\_\_\_\_\_ direct quotations of the book in the New Testament, most in Revelation in connection with the destruction of Babylon."<sup>2</sup>
  - b. The New Covenant-

c. Jesus the Promise Keeper-

## R.E.A.P.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup> "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup> not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup> For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Tremper Longman III. *Introducing The Old Testament: A Short Guide to its History and Message* (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan, 2012), 128.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Jeremiah 31:31-34. All passages of Scripture will come from this translation unless otherwise referenced.

- 1. Read aloud together
- Explain by answering the three questions: What does this passage teach us about \_\_\_\_\_?
  a. God:

b. Man:

c. Christ:

- 3. Ask- What question/s would help you understand the text more fully?
- 4. Pray- Using some of your observations and questions, write out a prayer to God.